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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's December 4, 2008 Office Action finally rejecting the claims in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$270.00 for filing this appeal is enclosed herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.191(d) and 1.17(b) for a small entity.

Applicants are also filing concurrently herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) and the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). With the extension, the Notice of Appeal is due on or before June 4, 2009.

The USPTO is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Customer No. 35437, Reference No. 27353-514-US1.

Respectfully submitted,

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